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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2009

Approved
3/30/2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Carla Bailey, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Al Ballesteros	Miki Jackson	Kyle Baker	Jane Nachazel
Anthony Braswell, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Eric Daar	Dean Page		Glenda Pinney
Whitney Engeran-Cordova	Nettie DeAugustine			Jim Stewart
Michael Johnson	Jeff Goodman			Craig Vincent-Jones
Lee Kochems	Angelica Palmeros			Nicole Werner
Brad Land	Mario Pérez			
Kathy Watt	Fariba Younai			

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- 5) **News Release:** Jeffrey S. Crowley Appointed Director, Office of National AIDS Policy, 2/26/2009
- 6) **Obituary:** Nell Soto, 2/27/2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Braswell called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (*Postponed*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve the 2/02/2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes (*Postponed*).
4. **PARLIAMENTARIAN REMARKS:** There was no report.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no public comments.
6. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no additional comments.
7. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:**
➡ Agreed that Michael O'Malley, Health Plan Administrator, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) will provide information and answer questions raised at the February Commission meeting on the pending sunset of AHF's Positive Healthcare HMO contract with the state.
8. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** Mr. Braswell reminded members to complete their Form 700 disclosure documents.
 - A. **Medicare Part B Gap Assistance Program:**
 - The Medicare Part B Gap Assistance Program ended with the grant year on February 28th. The two-month program responded quickly to the emergent need providing assistance to 20%-25% of possibly affected consumers.
 - Despite concerted efforts, no long-term solution was able to be negotiated with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to pay for the Medicare Part B premiums.
 - The Commission will continue to update the community with policy briefs.

- B. **Commission/PPC Co-Chair Meeting:** The Co-Chairs will meet after the Executive Committee to foster better coordination between the two bodies.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. **HOPWA Presentation to Commission:** HOPWA representatives will provide a presentation at the March Commission meeting. Housing has consistently ranked high among consumer needs and other funding models are being discussed nationally. The Commission's Comprehensive Care Plan calls for HOPWA and other HIV housing services to be combined under a single administrative agency.

➡ Mr. Baker will research other funding models being discussed in Washington.

10. OAPP REPORT:

- Mr. Baker reported OAPP expected the first 40% of its FY 2009 Notification of Award soon, but did not yet have an answer. On their last conference call, HRSA also announced that application scores/critiques would be available soon as well.
- Jeffrey Crowley has been appointed Director, Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP). He has significant experience in HIV/AIDS and is familiar with the Los Angeles County EMA. ONAP also was allocated \$1 million in the 2009 appropriations bill which will enable it to rebuild staffing.

➡ Mr. Baker said he would find out if OAPP wanted to do a joint letter welcoming Mr. Crowley.

- A. **PBCM Presentation to Commission:** A presentation on Performance-Based Contract Monitoring (PBCM) by Mary Orticke is scheduled for the March Commission meeting.

11. HIV EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT:

- A. **SPNS: MSM of Color Presentation to Commission:** Amy Wohl will provide a presentation at the March Commission meeting on the five-year SPNS study on Engaging and Retaining Young Latino and African-American MSM in HIV Care.

B. **Kaiser Discussions:**

- Kaiser continues to rebuff efforts to bring it into compliance with name-based reporting requirements and County Counsel has been reluctant to force compliance. Kaiser is also sponsoring a bill authored by John Perez that would undermine the CD4 reporting requirements passed last year in SB 1184.

➡ Ms. DeAugustine will discuss the issue with her contacts at Kaiser.

➡ Agreed to contact John Perez, usually a friend of PWH/A, to discuss the nature of the Kaiser bill with him.

12. **PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC) REPORT:** Ms. Watt reported that the PPC will sponsor an all-day think tank. Details will be forthcoming.

13. **CONSUMER CAUCUS REPORT:** Summaries of the first three "Meet the Grantee" meetings have been completed and are being sent to OAPP for their response(s), as agreed, before release.

A. **Empowerment/Mobilization Conference:**

- Mr. Vincent-Jones noted that the all-day March 28th consumer conference would focus on benefits in the morning and advocacy in the afternoon.
- Mr. Land and Ms. Watt emphasized that many consumers, even those receiving benefits, are not aware of the overall system and will need it explained with clarity and without acronyms.

➡ Mr. Vincent-Jones confirmed that a reference list of common acronyms was being prepared for the website.

14. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Joint Public Policy (JPP):** Mr. Kochems noted work continued to improve Commission/PPC coordination.

1. **Legislative Positions:**

- The Committee's annual legislative review meeting will be March 4th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm with recommendations to be forwarded to the March Commission meeting. Approved recommendations on legislative positions will be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office by the end of March.

- Health care reform legislation is being considered separately by the Health Care Reform Work Group.

➡ Agreed to email a reminder of the annual legislative review meeting to all Commission co-chairs.

➡ Agreed to post legislation for the annual review meeting on the website and email a notice of its availability.

➡ Agreed to place recommendation matrix on consent calendar. Only five bills were pulled for discussion last year.

➡ Agreed to manage March Commission meeting legislation discussion by enforcing existing rules.

2. **Federal Stimulus/State Budget:**

- Mr. Johnson called attention to HIPAA revisions incorporated in the Federal Stimulus Package and state legislation.

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- Mr. Baker noted any revisions would not affect agencies for several months.
- ➡ Agreed to provide a presentation to the March Commission meeting on the California Budget Act/Budget Adjustment, Federal Stimulus Package, Federal Omnibus Appropriations Bill, and Federal Budget Proposal for YR 2010 to better educate the body on various funding streams.
- ➡ Agreed to contact the Public Health Department for information on HIPAA revisions and review the issue in May.

B. Operations:

1. **Member Nominations:** The Committee will forward the following nominations to the Commission: Kathy Watt, Health Systems seat; and David Giugni, City of West Hollywood seat.
 2. **Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM):**
 - The AAM alternates annually between an overview of the system and a topical analysis. This upcoming AAM is a topical analysis on MAI procurement and implementation.
 - The solicitation process was required as the contractor used most recently by the Commission has reached the mandated cap for County work performed without re-solicitation. The Scope of Work should be done that week.
- ➡ Agreed to routinely submit the two annual HRSA-mandated concurrence letters to the Commission for approval.

C. Priorities and Planning (P&P):

1. **Annual Financial Reports:** David Young, OAPP, will provide a presentation at the March Commission meeting.
2. **Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI):** The MAI Subcommittee is reviewing current status and next year's allocations.
3. **Priority- and Allocation-Setting Process:** Work is proceeding on schedule.

D. Standards of Care (SOC):

1. **Standards Publication:** Templates for the standards are being prepared for Committee review.
2. **Grievance Policy and Procedures:** Public comment will be opened at the March Commission meeting.

15. **NEXT STEPS:** There were no new items.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ms. Bailey reported joining Ms. Palmeros and others at Pasadena City College for "Let's Get Real About Sex." Some 300 girls attended and response was excellent.
- National Women's HIV Awareness Day is March 10th.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am in memory of former state senator Nell Soto who was key in authoring name-based HIV reporting legislation. Her services will be March 3rd at 9:00 am and will be public.